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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND at Baltimore

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In re:

FEE NOT PAID (SEND LETTER)

FRANK'S NURSERY & CRAFTS, INC., et al.,

Case No. 01-52415-JS

Debtors.

## MOTION FOR ADMISSION OF JOHN S. WILLEMS PRO HAC VICE

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9010-3(b) of this court, and Local Rule 101.1(b) of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Gregory A. Cross, Esquire, a member of the bar of this Court, respectfully moves the admission of John S. Willems, Esquire, to appear pro hac vice in the above-captioned proceeding as counsel for The Chase Manhattan Bank and the lender group that is listed on Attachment A hereto (the "Lender Group").

Mr. Cross and Mr. Willems respectfully certify as follows:

- 1. Mr. Willems is not a member of the Bar of Maryland.
- 2. Mr. Willems is a member of the bar of the State of New York and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York. Mr. Willems is a member in good standing in all courts in which he has been admitted.



- 3. During the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the filing of this motion, Mr. Willems has not been admitted <u>pro hac vice</u> in this Court.
- 4. Mr. Willems has never been disbarred, suspended, or denied admission to practice.
- 5. Mr. Willems is familiar with the Federal Bankruptcy
  Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, the Federal Rules of Evidence, and the
  Maryland Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct, and understands that he
  shall be subject to disciplinary jurisdiction of this Court.
- 6. Co-counsel for the proposed admittee in this proceeding will be the undersigned or Heather Deans Foley, Esquire, who have been formally admitted to the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.
- 7. It is understood that admission <u>pro hac vice</u> does not constitute formal admission to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

WHEREFORE, Gregory A. Cross respectfully requests that this

Court enter an Order admitting John S. Willems pro hac vice to appear

before this Court in the above-captioned case on behalf of The Chase

Manhattan Bank and the Lender Group.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **ORDER**

Motion GRANTED.

Motion GRANTED subject to payment of \$50.00 filing fee to Clerk of Court.

Motion \_\_\_\_ DENIED.

February 20, 2001 Dated

United States Bankruptcy Judge

for the District of Maryland

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 20 day of February, 2001, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Admission of John S. Willems Pro Hac Vice, was delivered by hand to: Paul M. Nussbaum and Martin T. Fletcher, Seven Saint Paul Street, Suite 1400, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, counsel for the Debtor and the Office of the United States Trustee, Karen H. Moore, Assistant Trustee, 300 West Pratt Street, Suite 350, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Gregory A. Cross

#### ATTACHMENT A

- First Source Financial LLP 1.
- Fremont Investment & Loan 2.
- Goldman Sachs Credit Partners LP 3.
- 4. IBJ Whitehall Bank & Trust Co.
- 5. Jackson National Life Insurance Co.
- 6.
- Highland Capital Transamerica Business Credit Corp. 7.